

MRS. MILLS'S LOVE FOR HALL BARED

Sister of Slain Woman Tells of Scene in Study

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A. Toward Easton Avenue, in the direction of De Russey's Lane.

Francis Coyne, another street car man, said he boarded the same car at the intersection of Easton and George Streets at 8 o'clock.

"Mrs. Mills was sitting in the forward part of the car. She was alone."

Q. Did you know Mrs. Mills well? A. Yes, for ten or twelve years.

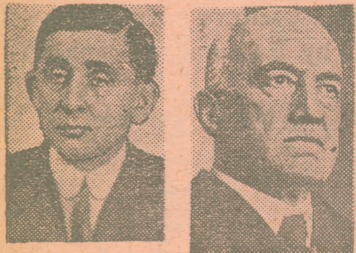
Mrs. Mills's Sister Called

Mrs. Elsie Barnhardt of Paterson, sister of Mrs. Mills, was the next witness. A tall, heavy set woman, rather flashily dressed despite the preponderance of black in her costume, she gave her answers in a low voice. The many women in the crowd leaned forward eagerly. Here were the intimate revelations they had been waiting for.

Q. A year before your sister's murder, did you ever see her with Dr. Hall? A. Yes, in church, and at her home four or five times.

Q. Did you observe anything about his conduct toward your sister? A. I knew that she liked him very much; she told me.

Q. What did she tell you? A. She said she thought more of Dr. Hall's little finger than of her husband's whole body. They had planned to go away together when Charlotte finished high school. He wanted to take her to Japan.



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Mills Stoical

Jimmie Mills never flicked an eyelid when he heard his sister-in-law's story.

"She told me she loved him," Mrs. Barnhardt declared.

"One day I went to the church looking for my sister. I went in Mr. Hall's study."

Mr. Hall came out. He told me Eleanor was in the church. We looked for her.

"Then, as we returned, she came out. She was all flushed."

Q. Was her clothing disar-

ranged? A. Well, she pulled her hat down quickly and—(here the witness drew her hands down over her dress in a gesture in smoothing it out).

Mrs. Barnhardt's face was crimson as she described her sister's indiscretion. A few feet away a slow



MRS. FRANCES HALL

flush crept up the heavy features of Mrs. Hall.

Told of Affair

"We went in the study. Mr. Hall got us some soda and eclairs."

"After that she took me in her confidence. She told me of the little things she did for him."

"She told me she used to meet him at Buccleuch Park. She told me she helped him compose his sermons on a bench there."

"Why do you know she was in love with him?" asked Simpson.

"Don't you want to testify?"

Confessed Love

"She told me she loved him," Mrs. Barnhardt continued. "She told me of a prayer Mr. Hall had written for her, and said that when she was in the hospital Mr. Hall had left his own sick bed to visit her."

"Did you ever discuss the wisdom of her love affair with Dr. Hall in such a small town as New Brunswick?" Simpson asked.

"I told her she was a little unwise in being so bold. She said she did not care who knew it; she was not going to hide it from any one."

"How long was this before the murder?"

"About seven or eight months."

"Did you see her after that?"

Visit to New York

"Yes, about a month after her operation. She stayed at my house overnight. She was going to meet

No Meals for Hubby As Wives Discuss Hall-Mills Case

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 15.—Housewives in Somerville are so busy talking about the Hall-Mills case that they cook few meals, and the delicatessen stores here are doing a tremendous volume of business. Grocers complain that their receipts from "home trade" have dropped alarmingly since the murder trial started nearly two weeks ago.

Drug stores, restaurants and clothing stores here report business increases as a direct result of the addition of more than 200 newspapermen to the population of Somerville.

Mr. Hall in New York next day. He was going to take her to 'Shuffle Along,' a colored show."

"Did you ever see Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Mills together?"

"Not alone; in a crowd."

"How did Mrs. Hall act?"

"They were very friendly about a year and a half before the murder. We were going to visit a home for the aged in Bound Brook. Mr. Hall put Mrs. Mills and me in his car. Mrs. Hall objected and rode in another car."

"She acted very angry at the way Mr. Hall had arranged our seats. When we arrived, Mrs. Hall stayed by herself."

"He and Eleanor sang. I played the piano. Mrs. Hall did not come near us."

Twice Showed Jealousy

McCarter objected to the trend of testimony. He was overruled by Justice Parker.

Q. Did you ever see Mrs. Hall



MINNA CLARK

show any jealousy toward Mrs. Mills when she saw her in her husband's custody? A. Yes, the time I have just described, and at a Halloween party at the church.

Q. How did she act? A. She stayed away from us, while Mr.



MRS. ELEANOR MILLS

Hall danced with Eleanor and had a good time.

Prayer of Love

Q. Can you identify this prayer, written by Dr. Hall for Mrs. Mills? A. Yes, I saw the original. Charlotte gave it to me. I think the World has it.

Q. How did it get out of your hands? A. I gave it to my husband, who gave it to a reporter.

McCarter objected to Simpson's offer of the prayer in evidence.

"What does that signature on Dr. Hall's love letters mean?" Simpson asked; "those letters 'D. T. L.'?"

"It is a translation from a German phrase, meaning 'Thy True Love.'"

Affection Resented

Q. Did Mrs. Mills ever say anything to you about Minna Clarke? A. She said that Minna had loved Mr. Hall, and she resented his show of affection toward my sister. At one time they had been good friends, but Minna became very jealous of Eleanor.

Mrs. Barnhardt had said, when questioned by investigators before the trial, that her sister had lived in "constant fear of the Sunday school teacher."

Q. Did you ever meet Felix Di Martini, Mrs. Hall's detective? A. Yes; he came to my home two or three weeks after the murders.

Q. What did he tell you he and Mr. Pfeiffer were doing in Mrs. Hall's home?

Justice Parker excluded the

Illicit Romance Details Shake Widow on Trial

question on the grounds that Di Martini's connection with the case had not been definitely established.

Q. Was Mrs. Mills active in the church? A. Yes, very active.

Q. How did Mrs. Mills dress? A. She was very economical, she made many of her own dresses and her children's.

Simpson showed the witness a cheap pair of black stockings, asking:—

"Did you ever see any evidence of her receiving any great sums of money from Dr. Hall?"

"No." McCarter, on his cross-examination, led Mrs. Barnhardt through a detailed description of the Mills home.

"My sister slept alone on a couch in the parlor," the witness testified. "She had not been well for three years before her death."

Q. You spoke of a prayer being handed by your husband to the World—that wasn't the only thing handed you, was it? You handed a picture and a prayer—was there any consideration? A. If there was, I did not receive it.

Centers on Mills

Q. Mr. Mills was present when your sister said she would rather have Mr. Hall's little finger than his (Mills's) whole body? A. Yes, she said it several times; once in



Mrs. Elsie Barnhardt



John Stillwell

the presence of Charlotte and Danny.

For the first time since the early stages of the trial McCarter appeared to be edging back to the defense attack on James Mills as the slayer.

The veteran lawyer at least succeeded in establishing a motive to kill for the little sexton; had proved that Mills knew of his wife's deep affection for the rector.

Q. They had quarreled, hadn't they? Didn't he object to her being at the church so much? A. Yes, I believe that is so.

Charlotte Mills wept bitterly at

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THE HALL-MILLS CASE

A DAILY PICTURE STORY OF THE MYSTERIOUS JERSEY TRAGEDY

WATCH FOR TOMORROW'S INSTALLMENT



A former cook in the stately home of the Halls, Maria Gildea has considerable knowledge of the intimacies existing between the minister and his wife, and she plays an important part in this human drama.



Mrs. Louise Geist Riehl, who for months served as a maid in the Hall-Mills home, was the first to tell about the mysterious telephone call Dr. Hall received the night of the murder—a call which took him from the house immediately.



Hailed as a "love spy," Mrs. Minna Clark was placed under arrest after investigators learned she had watched with extreme eagerness several of the clandestine meetings between the clergyman and his pretty choir singer.



Another former employee of the Halls, whose testimony is regarded as highly significant, is Barbara Tough, whose statements seem to corroborate those of Mrs. Riehl concerning that fatal telephone message.